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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Pfaffmann, et al.  
For : IMPROVED METHOD OF FORMING A  
TUBULAR BLANK INTO A  
STRUCTURAL COMPONENT AND DIE  
THEREFOR  
Serial No. : 10/659,403  
Filing Date : September 10, 2003  
Gr. Art Unit : 1742  
Our Docket : ABCE 2 12650

**PETITION FOR REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO RESPOND TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2004**

Mail Stop  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

A Office Action was mailed by the Examiner on September 22, 2004. The Examiner set a shortened three month deadline to respond to the Office Action.

Applicant submits herewith a Response to the Office Action. As such, a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby respectfully requested. The fee for filing such an extension of time to respond to the above referenced matter, namely \$60.00 as prescribed under

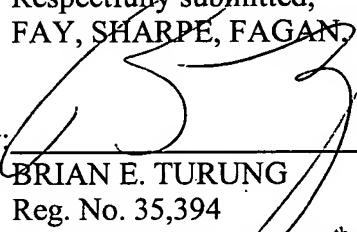
37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith. If it is determined that an additional fee is necessary, or if it is established that a credit is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Additionally, if it is determined that a longer or shorter extension of time is required, it is respectfully requested that this be a request therefor.

Applicant's attorney can be reached at the telephone number below if any further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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